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# **January Unemployment Rates Rise Seasonally in All of Michigan's Regional Labor Markets**

*Lansing* – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates rose in all of Michigan's 17 major labor market areas in January, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment and labor force levels fell seasonally in all regions over the month.

"Michigan's local labor market changes in January were seasonal as employment typically falls in the winter months throughout the state," said Rick Waclawek, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "In general, the state's local regions reported improvement since January 2012. Over the past year, unemployment rates declined and payroll jobs were up in the majority of areas."

From December to January, regional jobless rate advances ranged from 0.1 to 1.8 percentage points with a median gain of 0.8 of a percentage point. The largest over-the-month percentage point increases occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+1.8), the Monroe Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) (+1.3), and the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+1.2). The smallest unemployment rate advances in January were recorded in the Ann Arbor (+0.1) and Holland-Grand Haven (+0.3) MSAs. In January, six Michigan regional labor markets posted jobless rates below the U.S. January seasonally unadjusted rate of 8.5 percent.

### ***Jobless Rates Down Over Year***

From January 2012 to January 2013, unemployment rates fell in 16 of the 17 regional labor market areas in the state. The median rate reduction for the 16 areas was 0.6 of a percentage point. The most pronounced percentage point rate declines over the year were registered in the Holland-Grand Haven (-1.0) and Grand Rapids-Wyoming (-0.9) MSAs along with the Northwest Lower Michigan region (-0.9). The unemployment rate in the Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA rose slightly by 0.3 of a percentage point since January 2012.

### ***Total Employment Down Over Month, Mixed Over Year***

Over the month, total employment fell in all 17 regions, recording a significant seasonal median drop of 1.8 percent. Nearly all areas reported reductions of over 1.0 percent in January. Since January 2012, total employment changes were mostly moderate. Ten regions recorded employment reductions averaging around 1.0 percent, while six areas showed gains averaging 0.8 percent. Total employment was essentially unchanged over the year in the Northwest Lower Michigan region.

### ***Labor Force Levels Down Over Month, Year***

In January, labor force levels fell seasonally in all regions. Workforce reductions over the month ranged from 0.1 to 2.9 percent with a median decline of 1.0 percent.

**Note:** Employment, unemployment and industry job data for all 12 months of 2012 have been recently revised. Estimates for January 2013 are not comparable to previously released data. For newly revised 2012 estimates, go to [www.michigan.gov/lmi](http://www.michigan.gov/lmi) or call 313-456-3090.

From January 2012 to January 2013, workforce reductions were posted in 13 major regions, with an average drop of 1.3 percent. Over-the-year labor force gains were displayed in the Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Muskegon-Norton Shores, and Grand Rapids-Wyoming MSAs, while the labor force in the Ann Arbor MSA was essentially unchanged since January 2012.

### ***Seasonal Drops in Most Sectors Reduce January Payroll Jobs***

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan fell by 80,000 or 2.0 percent in January to 3,972,000. Seasonal job reductions were posted in nearly all statewide industry sectors and were led by cuts in trade, transportation and utilities (-22,000), construction (-12,000), government (-11,000), professional and business services (-10,000), education and health services (-9,000), and leisure and hospitality services (-7,000).

Payroll jobs fell in all of the state's 14 metropolitan regions in January, with declines averaging 2.5 percent. Retail trade and construction jobs were down over the month in all areas, while jobs in professional and business services and leisure and hospitality services decreased in most regions. Retail trade jobs fell by 16,000 across the state as merchants reduced employment following the holiday hiring period.

Since January 2012, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs increased statewide by 43,000 or 1.1 percent. Manufacturing recorded the largest over-the-year job gain (+20,000), followed by trade, transportation and utilities (+11,000), leisure and hospitality services (+8,000), and education and health services (+6,000). A number of other sectors in Michigan showed moderate gains. Government (-6,000) led job reductions over the year, while construction and information reported more minor job declines.

Since January 2012, 13 of Michigan's 14 major metropolitan regions recorded payroll job additions, with an average increase of 1.2 percent. The largest percentage job advances over the year were displayed in the Muskegon-Norton Shores, Battle Creek, Ann Arbor, and Grand Rapids-Wyoming MSAs. The Saginaw-Saginaw Township North MSA registered a minor decline in payroll jobs since January 2012.

### ***County Jobless Rates Up Over Month, Down Over Year***

Eighty-two of Michigan's 83 counties recorded seasonal jobless rate increases in January, with a median advance of 1.0 percentage point. Luce County's unemployment rate edged downward over the month by 0.1 of a percentage point. In January, 49 Michigan counties recorded jobless rates at or above 10.0 percent.

From January 2012 to January 2013, unemployment rates declined in 69 Michigan counties, showing a median rate reduction of 0.7 of a percentage point. Eleven counties registered mostly minor rate increases over this period, while rates were unchanged in three. Overall, most rate changes since January 2012 were moderate.

*Note: Data in this release is **not seasonally adjusted**. As a result, employment and unemployment trends may differ from previously released Michigan seasonally adjusted data.*

*A breakdown of seasonally unadjusted January workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a listing of county jobless rates for January.*

*Note to Editors: Please ensure that the source for state unemployment rates reads "Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget."*

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	<u>Jan-12</u>	<u>Dec-12</u>	<u>Jan-13</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>ANN ARBOR MSA</b>					
(Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	180,800	183,100	180,800	-1.3%	0.0%
Total Employment	170,300	173,600	171,200	-1.4%	0.5%
Unemployment	10,500	9,500	9,600	1.1%	-8.6%
Rate (percent)	5.8	5.2	5.3		

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<b>BATTLE CREEK MSA</b>					
(Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	62,700	63,300	62,400	-1.4%	-0.5%
Total Employment	57,600	58,900	57,800	-1.9%	0.3%
Unemployment	5,200	4,400	4,600	4.5%	-11.5%
Rate (percent)	8.2	7.0	7.4		

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<b>BAY CITY MSA</b>					
(Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	51,500	51,800	51,000	-1.5%	-1.0%
Total Employment	46,500	47,500	46,200	-2.7%	-0.6%
Unemployment	5,000	4,300	4,800	11.6%	-4.0%
Rate (percent)	9.7	8.3	9.4		

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<b>DETROIT-WARREN-LIVONIA MSA</b>					
<b>(Data in thousands)</b>					
(Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	1,981	2,003	1,996	-0.3%	0.8%
Total Employment	1,763	1,798	1,771	-1.5%	0.5%
Unemployment	218	204	225	10.3%	3.2%
Rate (percent)	11.0	10.2	11.3		

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<b>FLINT MSA</b>					
(Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	184,500	184,000	182,100	-1.0%	-1.3%
Total Employment	165,600	167,200	164,200	-1.8%	-0.8%
Unemployment	18,900	16,800	18,000	7.1%	-4.8%
Rate (percent)	10.3	9.1	9.9		

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<b>GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA</b> (Barry, Ionia, Kent, Newaygo counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	387,700	389,100	388,600	-0.1%	0.2%
Total Employment	358,600	364,400	362,900	-0.4%	1.2%
Unemployment	29,200	24,700	25,700	4.0%	-12.0%
Rate (percent)	7.5	6.3	6.6		

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<b>HOLLAND - GRAND HAVEN MSA</b> (Ottawa County)					
Civilian Labor Force	128,500	130,100	128,000	-1.6%	-0.4%
Total Employment	118,600	121,900	119,400	-2.1%	0.7%
Unemployment	9,900	8,300	8,600	3.6%	-13.1%
Rate (percent)	7.7	6.4	6.7		

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<b>JACKSON MSA</b> (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	70,400	69,900	69,400	-0.7%	-1.4%
Total Employment	63,800	64,100	63,300	-1.2%	-0.8%
Unemployment	6,600	5,800	6,100	5.2%	-7.6%
Rate (percent)	9.4	8.2	8.8		

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<b>KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA</b> (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	160,100	158,700	157,500	-0.8%	-1.6%
Total Employment	146,600	147,100	145,300	-1.2%	-0.9%
Unemployment	13,500	11,600	12,200	5.2%	-9.6%
Rate (percent)	8.5	7.3	7.7		

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<b>LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA</b> (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	233,000	231,900	230,400	-0.6%	-1.1%
Total Employment	215,000	216,200	212,800	-1.6%	-1.0%
Unemployment	18,000	15,700	17,600	12.1%	-2.2%
Rate (percent)	7.7	6.8	7.6		

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<b>MONROE MSA</b>					
(Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	68,500	68,400	67,800	-0.9%	-1.0%
Total Employment	62,300	63,200	61,800	-2.2%	-0.8%
Unemployment	6,200	5,200	6,000	15.4%	-3.2%
Rate (percent)	9.0	7.6	8.9		

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<b>MUSKEGON - NORTON SHORES MSA</b>					
(Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	81,800	83,100	82,300	-1.0%	0.6%
Total Employment	73,700	76,200	74,900	-1.7%	1.6%
Unemployment	8,000	6,900	7,400	7.2%	-7.5%
Rate (percent)	9.8	8.3	9.0		

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<b>NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA</b>					
(Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	71,000	71,800	69,700	-2.9%	-1.8%
Total Employment	63,700	65,500	63,000	-3.8%	-1.1%
Unemployment	7,400	6,300	6,700	6.3%	-9.5%
Rate (percent)	10.4	8.8	9.7		

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<b>SAGINAW-Saginaw Township North MSA</b>					
(Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	90,800	90,200	88,500	-1.9%	-2.5%
Total Employment	82,200	82,800	80,500	-2.8%	-2.1%
Unemployment	8,600	7,500	8,000	6.7%	-7.0%
Rate (percent)	9.4	8.3	9.0		

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<b>UPPER PENINSULA LMA</b>					
(15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	145,400	143,600	143,200	-0.3%	-1.5%
Total Employment	129,600	130,100	128,500	-1.2%	-0.8%
Unemployment	15,800	13,500	14,700	8.9%	-7.0%
Rate (percent)	10.9	9.4	10.3		

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<b>NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN</b>					
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	83,300	82,800	81,500	-1.6%	-2.2%
Total Employment	71,600	72,900	70,400	-3.4%	-1.7%
Unemployment	11,700	9,900	11,100	12.1%	-5.1%
Rate (percent)	14.0	11.9	13.7		

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<b>NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN</b>					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	140,600	141,000	139,300	-1.2%	-0.9%
Total Employment	123,700	126,900	123,700	-2.5%	0.0%
Unemployment	16,900	14,100	15,600	10.6%	-7.7%
Rate (percent)	12.1	10.0	11.2		

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<b>MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	4,610	4,635	4,601	-0.7%	-0.2%
Total Employment	4,150	4,224	4,152	-1.7%	0.0%
Unemployment	460	411	449	9.2%	-2.4%
Rate (percent)	10.0	8.9	9.7		

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**Note:**

The table above contains **seasonally unadjusted** data for Michigan for 2013 and 2012, which should be used in comparison with data for Michigan regions or counties.

DTMB released earlier the **seasonally adjusted** January 2013 unemployment rate for Michigan (8.9 percent), which is best used for:

- Identifying recent Michigan workforce trends
- Conducting comparisons with unemployment rates for the U.S. and other states

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# **MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE JANUARY 2013**

1	Washtenaw County	5.3	43	Delta County	10.7
2	Kent County	6.3	44	Kalkaska County	10.7
3	Barry County	6.5	45	Van Buren County	10.9
4	Isabella County	6.5	46	Crawford County	11.0
5	Clinton County	6.7	47	Macomb County	11.0
6	Ottawa County	6.7	48	Osceola County	11.1
7	Kalamazoo County	6.8	49	Tuscola County	11.3
8	Eaton County	7.2	50	Montcalm County	11.5
9	Menominee County	7.2	51	Alger County	11.6
10	Calhoun County	7.4	52	Sanilac County	11.6
11	Midland County	7.5	53	Luce County	11.6
12	Allegan County	7.5	54	Manistee County	11.8
13	Marquette County	7.9	55	Antrim County	11.9
14	Ingham County	8.1	56	Otsego County	11.9
15	Dickinson County	8.3	57	Benzie County	12.1
16	St. Joseph County	8.3	58	Chippewa County	12.2
17	Ionia County	8.5	59	Ogemaw County	12.3
18	Jackson County	8.8	60	Missaukee County	12.4
19	Leelanau County	8.8	61	Wayne County	12.5
20	Houghton County	8.8	62	Wexford County	12.6
21	Monroe County	8.9	63	Charlevoix County	12.8
22	Grand Traverse County	9.0	64	Clare County	13.0
23	Muskegon County	9.0	65	Lake County	13.5
24	Saginaw County	9.0	66	Roscommon County	13.6
25	Cass County	9.0	67	Iosco County	13.8
26	Newaygo County	9.1	68	Gladwin County	13.9
27	Branch County	9.2	69	Oceana County	14.0
28	Lenawee County	9.3	70	Emmet County	14.7
29	Oakland County	9.3	71	St. Clair County	14.7
30	Bay County	9.4	72	Ontonagon County	14.7
31	Livingston County	9.5	73	Arenac County	14.7
32	Berrien County	9.7	74	Lapeer County	15.2
33	Genesee County	9.9	75	Alcona County	15.9
34	Huron County	9.9	76	Schoolcraft County	15.9
35	Gogebic County	10.0	77	Keweenaw County	16.4
36	Mecosta County	10.0	78	Cheboygan County	17.0
37	Hillsdale County	10.1	79	Presque Isle County	17.5
38	Alpena County	10.2	80	Montmorency County	18.1
39	Shiawassee County	10.3	81	Baraga County	18.2
40	Gratiot County	10.3	82	Oscoda County	18.2
41	Iron County	10.5	83	Mackinac County	23.1
42	Mason County	10.6			

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